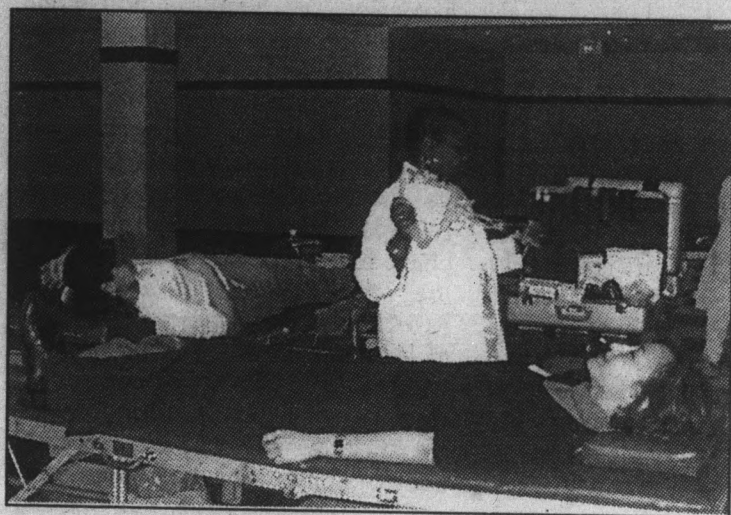


## Blood drive attracts over 50 donors



Students being prepared by nurses for their blood donation

by Lucas Mc Cloud

Over fifty University community members volunteered to donate their blood to the American Red Cross (ARC) at the annual blood drive this Tuesday, February 16. From 11:00PM to 3:45PM in the Social Room of the Student Center, students, faculty, and administration let the ARC nurses extract blood from their arms for use by those in need of blood transfusions.

The event was organized by Coordinator of Student Programming Edina Oestreicher, in conjunction with Denise Pundy, director of Special Events. During the week before the event, Miss Oestreicher and Miss Pundy worked diligently in Marina Dining Hall to recruit donors from among the University community.

Approximately ten people from the ARC staffed the drive to ensure a smooth event. Several of those ten were volunteers who work the drive of their own accord. Teresa DeHart, a volunteer, commented that it is important to

have people who volunteer their time for the cause, and that donating blood is important. "I think it is a civic duty. If we did not have people donating blood, patients who need transfusions might die," she said.

Although the University hosted a blood drive last year, the turnout was dismal, as most students who signed up

*"If we did not have people donating blood, patients who need transfusions might die,"*

-- Teresa DeHart

were prohibited because they did not meet the ARC requirements for donation. Some of the restrictions on donation are

- you must not have had a tattoo within the past twelve months; you must not have been in jail in the past twelve months; and you must not have been born in or traveled to any of several risk countries. When appointments to donate were made last year, this information was not known, and many students had to be turned away at the pre-donation interview.

As a result, the ARC almost decided not to return this year. However, Miss Oestreicher was able to negotiate with them and persuade them to return. Miss Oestreicher did a preliminary donor check as students made their appointments, to avoid the same problem again. This proved to be an excellent way of increasing the chances that those who made appointments could actually donate.

By 1:30PM, over forty people who had appointments had showed up, as well as several walk-ins. Very few people did not donate because of donation restrictions. Some students, however, were unable to donate because of the amount of people that turned out. The amount of people wanting to donate was significant enough to back up the lines for donation. When the drive ended, however, approximately fifty pints of blood had been collected for the ARC, making the event worthwhile.

The ARC supplies blood on a regional basis, and needs approximately forty-five pints of blood for a blood drive to be successful. The University re-established itself as a reliable location for a blood drive with this year's turnout.

## Extended hours for Marina

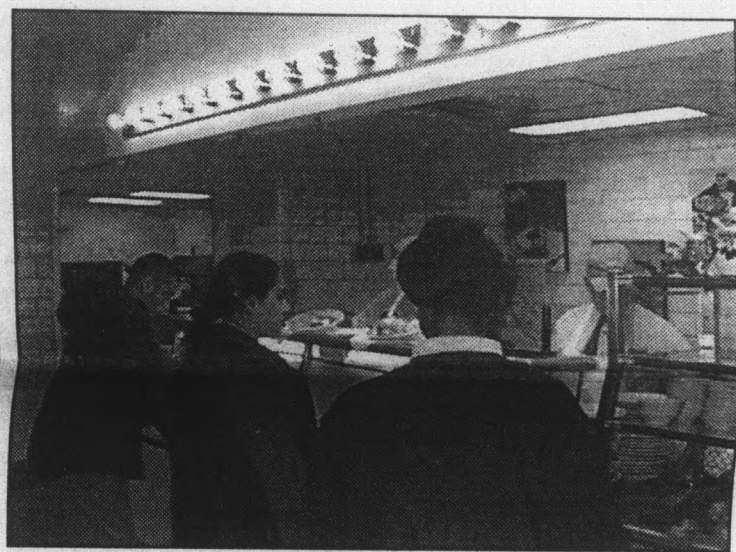
by Roxann Blackburn

The hot food section of Marina Dining Hall is now guaranteed to be open at least fifteen minutes after closing time at dinner. This latest guarantee is meant to accommodate students arriving at Marina after 6:00 PM, so that they may have sufficient time to have a hot meal. This guarantee does not extend to students who arrive there after the 6:30 PM closing period.

In the past, Marina has left

is the University has to pay Marina employees overtime wages to stay and work.

However, recent discussions with Bill Zimnoch, Food Service director at Marina, and a member of the Food Committee, have established an agreement that the hot food section will remain open at least until 6:45 PM for students arriving after 6:00 PM. The Food Committee is a small body of students and is assisted by the Dean of Students, Janet Merritt. The com-



Several students taking advantage of the extended hot food hours

the hot food section of the hall open for students arriving late. However, students were not always guaranteed to find it open. This was because of two reasons. The first being that sometimes not many students came in to have a hot meal close to 6:30 PM and so on those occasions, Marina would close that section of the hall. The second reason, which ties in with the first, is the high cost of keeping the hall open after the closing hour. The fact

mittee has been in effect since last semester. It was partly responsible for getting premium quality ice cream in Marina after much student complaint. According to Dean Merritt, one of the primary goals of the committee is to know the issues of students. She stated that the committee is "looking for people to join, and would appreciate more students joining."

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## Telephone concern prompts meeting

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

Ever since the new telephone systems were installed during the summer, students have had many concerns over the rates and the billing imposed by Southern New England Telephone (SNET) and by Telesoft. On Friday, 12 February, David Oestreicher, director of Residential Life called a meeting to address these concerns.

Dean of Students Janet Merritt, Director of Information Technology Mark Sedutto, and representatives from residence halls were present. Telesoft, however, could not attend.

The main issue discussed was international rates. No one seems to have any

*"I think it's crucial they get their rates competitive."*

-- Mark W. Sedutto

problems with the local rates, those are free. The international rates at present that SNET offer are "clearly not competitive compared to other rates that

may be offered," said Mr. Sedutto.

Last October, some of the rates were reduced. Luxembourg's rates were almost halved and went from 64 cents a minute to 34 cents a minute. India went down from \$1.12 to 80 cents a minute, and Malaysia, from 77 cents to 47 cents a minute. Students still believe that the rates could go lower, and until they do, many are utilizing the option of using calling cards.

The problem seems to be that the rates are being based on the Universi-

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## News

## Newly appointed Director of Public Relations

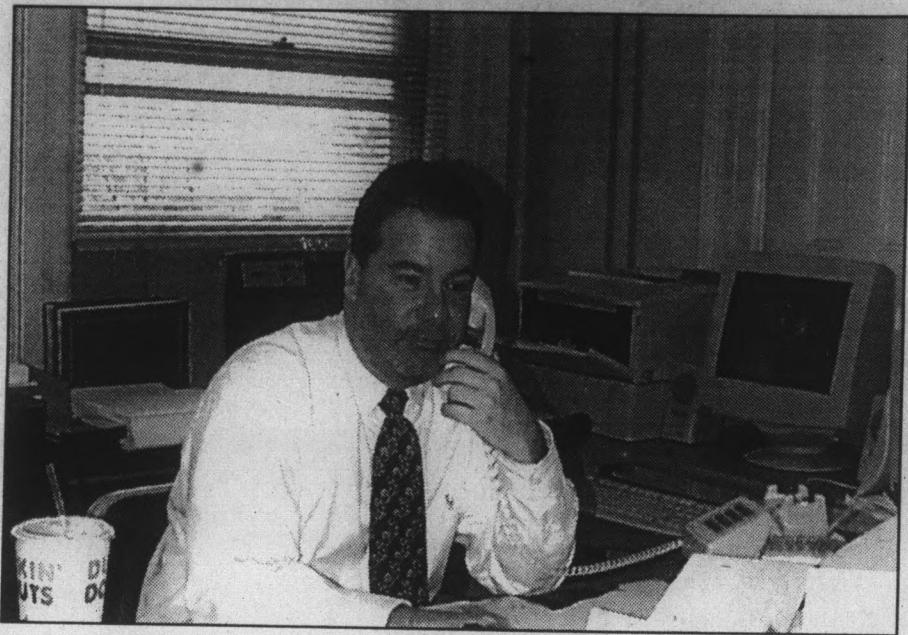
by Sampurna Raj Shrestha

Michael J. Giannotti, a resident of the Bridgeport community, was recently appointed as the director of Public Relations at the University on January 20, 1999.

In this position, he will enhance the development, implementation and administration, of the public relations program within the University, and outside the University with the media.

He is also responsible for developing and maintaining the University's relationship and fundraising programs with the regional and local community groups, and its leaders. In addition, he is responsible for the development of a quarterly newsletter for internal and external audiences, including alumni.

Mr. Giannotti has been serving within Bridgeport for a long time. He worked as the Coordinator of Public Relations at Ahlbin Centers for Rehabilitation Medicine for the past three years. He has also worked



Mike Giannotti at work in his office at Cortright Hall

as a correspondent and a staff reporter for the Connecticut Post for almost twenty-five years.

With his strong, initiative mind, he is willing to promote a strong relationship between the University and the community of Bridgeport, as well as outside of Bridgeport.

He describes his main goal as, "I want the people to look at UB different than they have been looking previously. He wants to change the people's perception toward UB." He thinks the future of UB is very bright.

The diversity of the students

here at the University has thrilled him. He wants to set an example by calling political leaders to come and see the relationship and friendship that the University has achieved among its students.

Mr. Giannotti is actively involved with different organizations like National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Burroughs Community Center, the Barnum Festival, and the Council of Italian American Societies.

He has many plans and goals that he hopes to achieve in the University.

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ty being a commercial user. These rates work out to be higher than if the University's rates were to be based on the resident halls as residences. The Public Service Commission may not allow SNET to give the University residential rates, but SNET is currently investigating to see if this can be treated as an exception. Mr. Sedutto emphasized, "I think it's crucial they get their rates competitive."

The implementation of the present system saves students connection fees as the service is provided year round. The way the University has accomplished this is they purchase and pay for the 450 lines to the residence has at a price of \$15.78 per line. Warner Hall is yet to be added to this system.

Mr. Sedutto also mentioned there have been some billing issues. He attributes them to incorrect pin numbers, like when a student figures out another's PIN number and uses it. There appear to be several instances where calls not made by students are billed to them. This is a matter between the student and Telesoft, the administrator of the system. Students are offered the option to change their PIN numbers should they feel the need.

There is a meeting scheduled for March 2, 1999 between Telesoft, SNET, Mark Sedutto, and Dean Merritt. Mr. Sedutto told The Scribe, "I believe the university is really committed to providing the students with a service that is usable and effective."

## Tips on buying a used car

by Arman Gevorgyan

As the spring semester continues, it seems that students' interest in acquiring a car is increasing. Here is some advice on buying a

Greenspan. Costs related to owning a car are not limited to just the price tag on the automobile. Insurance, gas, maintenance, and repair expenses will make it economically unreasonable to buy a car. "The



Used cars for sale attract student buyers

used car that The Scribe obtained with the help of Business Law Professor William Greenspan.

"The first tip on buying a used car - Don't buy it!" said Professor

car would not be working for you - you would be working for the car," exclaimed Professor Greenspan.

However, if you decide to go ahead and purchase a car, several Internet resources can assist you.

"Bargain News" at [www.bargain-news.com](http://www.bargain-news.com) provides listings of cars that are available in the area. You can run queries specifying the make, year, and the price range of your prospective purchase. To check and see if the car that you would like to purchase is priced fairly, go to "Kelley's Blue Book" at [www.kbb.com](http://www.kbb.com). After entering the make, year, features, condition, and mileage of the car, you will receive the price estimate for the automobile. Finally, at [www.intelli-choice.com](http://www.intelli-choice.com), you will be able to see a picture of your prospective purchase and obtain its specifications and consumer reports.

Purchase of a car is a major acquisition and it should not be done on impulse. Never buy a car on the first day that you see it, stressed Professor Greenspan. Test-drive the car under various road conditions. Take some time to negotiate the price with the seller. If you think that the price is agreeable, have the car checked out by an independent auto mechanic. A car

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# Student attacked by dogs

by Sharon Loh

A UB student was bitten by a dog, early last week. Dale Powell was on his way to a Dental Hygiene appointment when three dogs ran up to him and nipped him on his ankle, ripping his pants. Mr. Powell yelled at the dogs which then ran away.

Though it was only a scratch, says Mr. Powell, the staff of the Health Clinic decided to send him to the Emergency Room of St. Vincent's hospital.

Shift supervisor Richie Loehn, from Campus Security, transported him to the Emergency room at St Vincent's Hospital where he was administered six rabies shots upon arrival. He will be receiving eleven shots in total. "I was more sore from the shots than the bite," laughed Mr. Powell.

According to Officer Loehn, the dogs, which were identified as German Shepherds or Huskies, were hanging about a garage by

an abandoned house on Park Avenue and Waldemere Street.

The incident was reported to the Animal Shelter and an animal control officer met them at the emergency room to take Mr. Powell's report.

*"If you have a stick or anything long, put in front of you because they'll go for that before they go for you."*

-- Richie Lowell

She then came to campus to investigate the incident.

The dogs, however, ran as soon as the animal control officer arrived and though the officer has placed traps to catch the dogs, she has not been successful.

For the last week, Campus Security has been passing by Park Avenue and Waldemere Street everyday but the dogs have not returned, says Officer Loehn.

Though there have been numerous students that are said to have seen the dogs hanging around campus, there has not been another report of these three dogs attacking other students.

Officer Loehn said that if there should be such an incident where the dogs do return, "try not to run. If you have a stick or anything long, put in front of you because they'll go for that before they go for you."

He also advises students to always carry their Personal Alarm Device (PAD).

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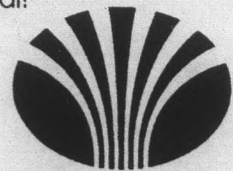
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## Technology

## Tracking technology trends

by Puneet Batra

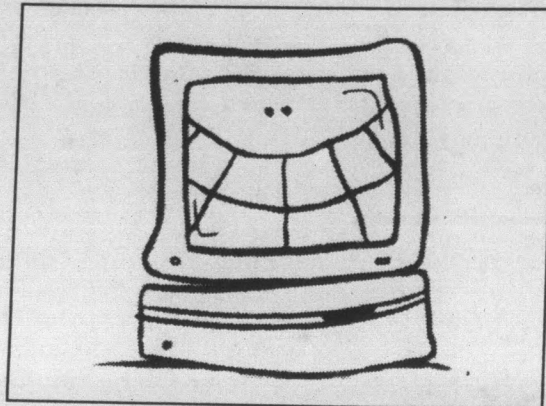
Clipping coupons from the Sunday newspaper to save those extra bucks might soon be a thing of the past. Presenting the start of a new era — online coupons! America Online, Inc. and Supermarkets Online are launching "ValuPage," a source for online coupons, in the next few weeks.

More than half of America's homes clip coupons every week. Tie this up with the fact that 52 percent of AOL's 16 million subscribers are women and you have a sure success. The process is simple — you enter your 5-digit zip code, and you can download and print coupons for supermarkets in your vicinity.

For those who do not own a PC yet, and feel that they will have to stick with the old-fashioned way of cutting paper, there might be some hope elsewhere. A new site, [www.free-pc.com](http://www.free-pc.com), recently made news for their unbeatable offer. They are offering free computers to individuals that match certain demographics that advertisers are looking for.

The way it works is that they give certain individuals free computers, including free Internet access, and the screen is always partially covered with banner ads. This may be annoying to some, but in exchange for a free PC, who would mind?

However, giving away freebies does not always help companies. Look what happened when Microsoft tried to distribute Internet Explorer with its operating systems, Windows 95 and Windows 98. Microsoft's defense is in a shaky position after the judge realized that video tapes presented by Microsoft as evidence had been tampered with and edited.



So strong is the case against Microsoft now that the Justice Department and representatives of 19 states have already started considering what sanctions Microsoft should get if it loses this landmark trial. Microsoft might be asked to break itself up into a number of smaller companies or to put a stop to practices which are determined unacceptable.

However, Microsoft is not the only com-

puter company in trouble. Amazon.com, the Internet's most popular bookstore is under scrutiny for phony book recommendations and the company has announced that it will give buyers refunds. Amazon charged advertisers ten thousand dollars for main page advertisements which were worded to make their customers believe they were genuine recommendations. The ads did not once mention the fact that it was an advertisement or that it had been sponsored.

There might be a cheaper alternative to satisfy people's thirst for reading. Public libraries are now going online and some even have a complete inventory of their books on the web. So, before you make that trip to the library, you can make sure that no one has checked out that book you are looking for. Lets wait and see where technology takes us next!

## Muddle America / Bob Gorrell



## African educators to visit the University

Educators from the Makerere University and Islamic University in Uganda will attend a five-day conference entitled "Uses of Information Technologies in Higher Education," at the University this February 22-26.

The conference is being sponsored by the World University Federation, an international network of universities and scholars dedicated to building world citizens and the University of Bridgeport, a charter member of the Federation.

"This is very exciting for us," said Michael Giampaoli, coordinator for Distance Learning. "It is a great opportunity for us to showcase the University. As a charter member, we are presently developing distance learning programs and stand ready to offer technical expertise as necessary to educators in other countries."

Mr. Giampaoli explained, "the goal of the Federation is to create a link with universities and colleges in countries in Africa and South America. They want us to share research, technology, and form partnerships with educators

around the world."

The Federation is a network of institutions of higher learning from all nations of the world, working together to foster the creation of a peaceful and prosperous global society.

Organizers claim that in order to achieve world peace, educational institutions must not only train students to be competent professionally, but also to become responsible citizens who can contribute to building a better society and be aware of the global nature of the issues the world is facing today.

Last year, President Richard Rubenstein visited universities and colleges in Uganda, Kenya, and other African countries.

"They went there as part of a fact finding mission. Now, educators from Uganda have been invited here to do the same," Mr. Giampaoli said.

According to Mr. Giampaoli, the conference will address such topics as "Exploration of technology used in the classroom" and

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## ADDENDUM

TO OWNER'S MANUAL  
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## New Student Congress Vice president

by Roxann Blackburn

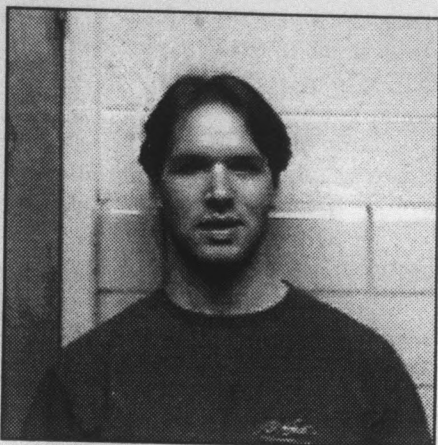
On Wednesday February 10, Student Congress elected into office Lucas Mc Cloud as its new vice president. Mr. Mc Cloud, who is the former Student Senate president, and senator of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, was elected into office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Congress. The office was previously held by Aurora Lee, who resigned two weeks earlier, citing "other commitments" for her resignation.

Before Mr. Mc Cloud was voted in, the position was first offered to the Speaker of the House, Hiromasa Toyohiro, in accordance with the Student Congress Constitution electoral procedure. He had declined the position, and the decision was made to elect a President of the Student Senate, who would become the new Vice president of Student Congress, with the Congress' approval.

Mr. Mc Cloud will be working directly with current President Ashok Regmi. In his statement to The Scribe, Mr. Regmi said, "I am happy that Lucas has been elected as vice president. He has proven himself to be a worthy member of Congress and I am confident that he is going to fulfill his job as Vice president efficiently."

As the new Vice president, Mr. Mc Cloud will focus on academic issues pertaining to the University. In an interview with The Scribe, Mr. Mc Cloud stated that he also intends to be actively involved in developing new ways of improving the communication line between the student body and administration. He further commented that one of the main problems he sees facing the Congress is the breakdown in

communication between the school's administration and student body. According to Mr. Mc Cloud, "traditionally, the Student Senate had not been an effective liaison between fac-



Lucas Mc Cloud, the new vice-president of Student Congress

ulty and students." In addition, Mr. Mc Cloud stated that one of the most important things the Senate needs to do now is to get the student body united. When asked to comment on how he intends to improve the communication link, he stated that he plans on "working with The Scribe to establish more communication with the student body."

As an active member of Congress for the past year and a half, Mr. Mc Cloud says that he has the experience to effectively perform his duties as Vice president. Moreover, in his statement to The Scribe, he said, "I have the voice and the authority to represent student body effectively."

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## Editorials

## Student apathy

**U**B Sucks! There's nothing to do on weekends! How many times have we heard these words? And every time it comes down to the same thing, people just don't attend parties and other on campus events.

Socially, this semester is already starting out badly. With almost one month gone by, there has been no significant party on campus, at Conty's and none even at the Rugby House.

Some of the blame for this must go to the clubs on campus. Maybe there are waiting for mid-term week before organizing any event. In addition, many clubs only grudgingly advertise their events. The level of their advertising, or total lack of it, sometimes makes you wonder if such clubs really want people to come to their event.

However, the real problem lies with us, the students. Frankly many of us just do not attend any campus event. This year's Valentine Dance was a classical example of student apathy. Attendance at this traditionally successful event this year was simply laughable. In fact there were more people in a natural science class

than at the dance. If this apathy to campus events was because UB are so busy studying that there have no time to have fun, then it might be excusable. But every weekend we see students bored with a capital B. And the most exciting thing they do is to watch TV in the lounges.

Whether we like it or not, we are the only ones who can create fun for ourselves in UB.

Nobody, not Edina Oestricher, not Janet Merrit, not the RDs and RAs, nobody, can force any of us to go to a party. However, we should always remember that a person should not just pass through college. College life should also pass through each one of us. Without this, what college stories are you going to tell your children and coworkers after graduation? Remember they do not really want to know how you never missed a class.

So for the triangular students who just go from their rooms to their classes, and then to Marina and back to their rooms, it is time to expand your horizon. You never know, you might actually have fun.

## Bathroom problems

**W**e have all complained about the state of the bathrooms in the dorms, yet nothing seems to change. Why is it that the bathrooms and the toilets remain filthy, littered with toilet paper and sanitary product packages?

It is not the fault of the Housekeeping department. Even Mr. Clean would go on strike were he faced with the mess that is left behind by students. The bathrooms may be communal, but that is not a reason to do things in there that presumably you would not do in your own personal bathroom.

Some of the messes that are left include trying to flush food down the toilet, and when it refuses to drain, just leaving it there unreported. Another mess is throwing unused pieces of toilet paper on the floor for some unsuspecting person in shoes with no grip to go sliding on. I fail to see the point in leaving white toilet paper around to decorate the floors.

There are trashcans in every bathroom, and considering the size of the bathrooms, it should not be too much of a stretch to

walk to one and deposit empty toothpaste boxes there.

It is unappealing to walk into a shower and find soggy cardboard cartons inside. By that point, it is hard to lift the disintegrating mess and throw it away.

The tale gets grosser with the unflushed toilets. It is a norm that once a person is through using a toilet, they flush it.

Partying gets ugly when at the end, or at the beginning, of a night of drinking, people throw up. Unfortunately, the condition they are in may not be too conducive to skilful aiming. If you are going to drink and then end up throwing up, be sure to do so in the correct receptacles. That means not in showers, bathroom floors, and garbage cans.

Perhaps we all need to be cleaner in our bathroom habits. If we complain about the cleanliness of our bathrooms, then we should be more conscious of how we behave in the bathrooms.

## Letter to the Editor

**L**ast semester around 15 of us took a photography course. Most of us survived the course, however, we all wound up with empty pockets and bank balances.

This was largely due to the fact that we didn't have a lab of our own. The Photo lab in ABC has been shut down by Occupational Safety and Health Organization (OSHA), apparently due to a lack of ventilation. This is a serious problem, as students have to spend hours in a darkroom inhaling hazardous vapors, as if not being able to see what is happening isn't bad enough.

This is not one of those regular letters that just goes on cribbing. In fact, I speak for all my classmates when I say I think the new professor, Steven Cuiccoli, is doing a great job. He not only encouraged us and inspired us to follow what we believe, but also spent money out of his own pocket and allowed us to use his equipment, in order that we

save money, as anyone remotely acquainted with the subject, knows how expensive a hobby it can be.

We, the students appreciate the efforts of the teachers' and we would like Administration to consider the facts – you just have to have a lab for a photography course – it's like trying to teach students computer programming without having a computer lab!

Also, there are not enough supplies and equipment in the studio – strobes, backdrops, tripods, lights, etc. Kindly have the studio renovated in accordance to OSHA standards, so that we may enjoy and learn the art that is photography. If you need volunteers – ASK!

Thank You.

Ramswaroop Mohan

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## Bookstore has new postcards

**by Jack Ndombi**  
This semester, the bookstore is stocked with a variety of new postcards, with views of different areas of the school like the Perry Arch, Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium, Carlson Hall and the Arnold Bernhard Center. These



The new postcards on display at the Bookstore

new cards come as a change from the monotonous Shine Hall postcards that have been sold since fall 1997.

The cards were designed by Photografx Worldwide, who are based in California. Jacqueline Kalaka, manager of the Bookstore, is responsible for

getting the new postcards. She had been pursuing Photografx for a year before they finally came through.

Last year, before the fall semester, a team of three photographers took the pictures at the break of dawn so there would not be any interference from students or pedestrians. They took several pictures of each building and Miss Kalaka chose the best picture from each group.

Photografx will be back later in the semester to take pictures of the Student Center and any other remaining areas that they did not get before.

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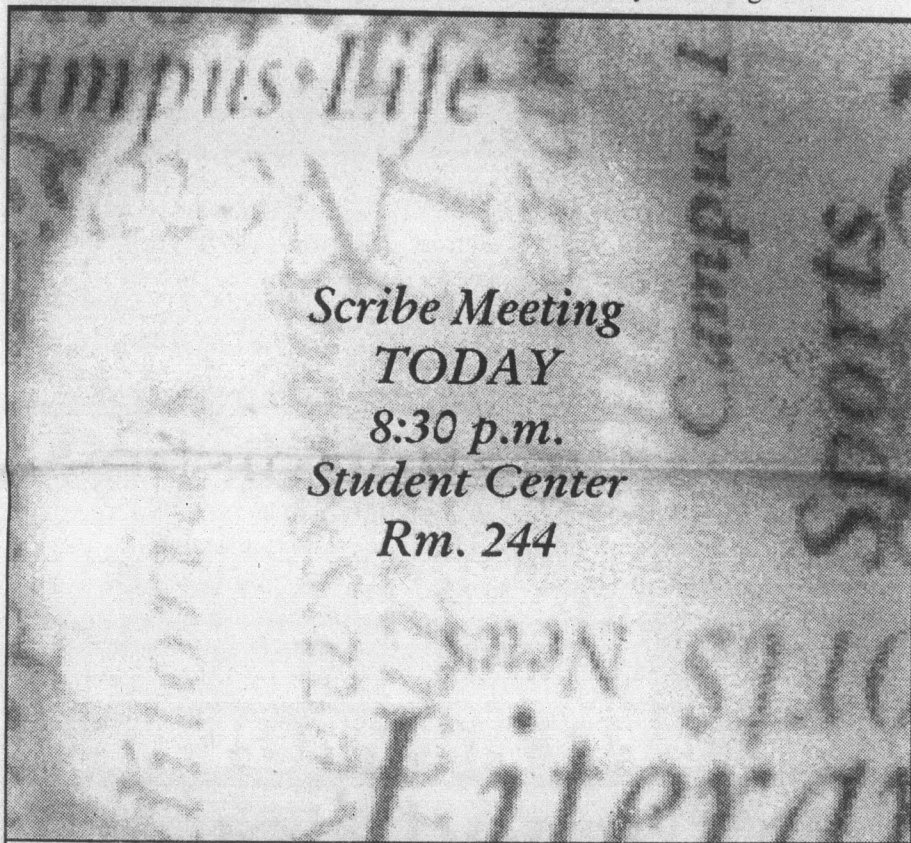
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*What do you think about the bathroom usage of students on campus?*



"The Barnum bathrooms are fine, but Bodine bathrooms are the worst. The leftover trash in the bathrooms can

create germs, since you may not wear slippers in the showers. Where is the sanitary cleanliness that we are paying for?"

*Melissa Jean-Bart*



The bathrooms need to be fixed. The water is spilling every-where. There is a mess all the

time. Maybe the problem is maintenance.

*Sam Tay*



We need more than one cleaning lady. There is an overflow of water in the shower room, which is not taken care of.

*Soeurette Charles*



It stinks du-ring week-ends. It's not as good as you expect most of the time.

*Sugam Tamrakar*



They are not cleaned properly. People throw things everywhere. The cleaning lady is obnoxious. Its nasty.

We need more cleaning people.

*Tasha McKay*



Bathrooms in the halls like Carlson are clean. But dorm bathrooms are pretty disgusting. However, it's the

student's fault.

*Tracy Colangeloo*



It is very dirty. Somebody washes and does their hair and leaves it there.

*Katrina Blackman*



Actually, the person who does the cleaning is doing good job. Some guys do not take care of them and they make a mess

all the time. But the showers are clean.

*Gleb Popov*



## Campus

## Open House brings 60 students

**by Lucas Mc Cloud**  
The University conducted its undergraduate Open House for prospective students on Monday, February 15, at the Arnold Bernhard Center (ABC). From 10:30AM-4:30PM, approximately sixty-seven incoming freshman and transfer students were given the opportunity to discover what the University has to offer.

Students and their family gathered at the Littlefield Recital Hall at 10:30AM. After welcoming remarks from Associate Vice president for Admissions and Financial Aid Suzanne Wilcox, the guests were given presentations on admissions and financial aid, under the direction of the Open House coordinators, Lisa Camagna and Amy Beecher, undergraduate admissions counselors.

Following the presentations, the guests were given a tour of the University by current students, who provided a student viewpoint on the various aspects of the University. Returning to the Tower Room of

ABC for lunch, the guests were then given a chance to listen to four student representatives talk about the academic side of the University. These presentations were complemented by department showcases from the faculty.

The Open House evaluation forms, filled in by the guests, reported that the Open House was a success. One form said, "The Open House was well-prepared and organized. I think I might attend UB!"

The guests were from various parts of the tri-state region. The majority came from Connecticut and New York, but several were from New Jersey and Massachusetts, and one was even from North Carolina. The sentiments of the admissions office was that this Open House was successful. Miss Beecher said, "The teamwork of the faculty, staff, and students was outstanding."



On February 2, 1999, the University of Bridgeport participated in Bridgeport's annual citywide Science Expo. 250 Bridgeport public school students, grades 5-12 competed on February 5 at Wheeler Recreational Center for the prize of a full four-year scholarship.

The African Club is sponsoring "Afroganza," in honor of Black History Month. All are invited to attend on February 26, in the Social Room of the Student Center at 8:00PM.

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# University Gallery

by Seemanti Borkotoky

There are two art exhibitions currently on display at the University Gallery at the Arnold Bern-



hard Center. The exhibitions will be there until February 20. The main gallery is showing the 1999 Invitational Showcase, and the back gallery has "Celebrate Life," an art exhibit that celebrates the life and achievements of artists with disabilities.

The Invitational Showcase features the work of contemporary artists like R. Ladislav Derr, Kathryn Newman, Leanne Rosso, Deborah Sperber and Jo Yarrington. This is an annual exhibition that is conceived and created by the Gallery Director, Kaz McCue and the Gallery's Installation Coordinator, Pamela Ayres, both of whom are contemporary artists. "We usually invite artists that we know or are familiar with. These artists are more progressive as we want to have a lot of diversity in our shows. We have received a lot of positive feedback on this show," said Mr. McCue.

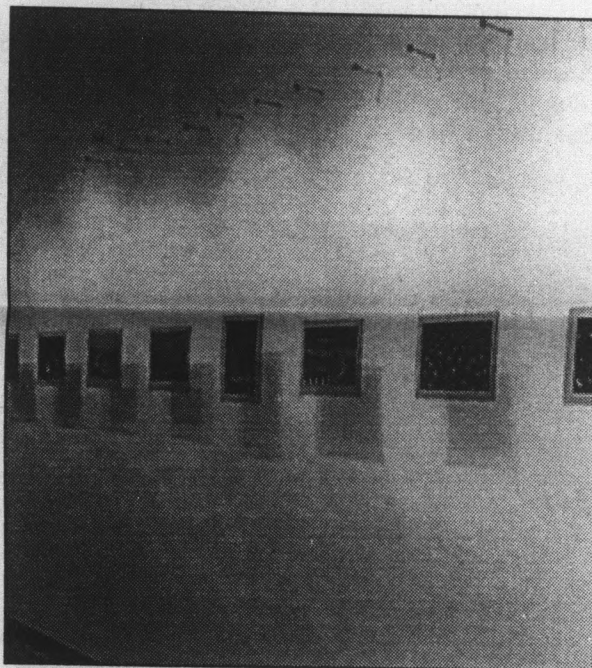
"Celebrate Life" is an uplifting presentation that shows each artists' inspirational story of achievement and personal growth. It is sponsored by the Very Special Arts Connecticut (VSACT) and the Music and Arts Center for the Handicapped (MACH). Lean Kennedy Smith established the VSACT in 1974 as an educational affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. It was designed by the U.S. Congress as the nation's coordinating agency for the arts programs for people with disabilities. The MACH is a school of the arts, founded to enrich the lives of

the handicapped children and adults, and others with special needs. MACH provides programs throughout Fairfield County, teaching active participation in arts.

Mr. McCue says, "Art is a form of communication. It helps artists deal with their feelings and emotions. It becomes an outlet for them and this show is an example of this." He talked fondly about one of the artists, Peter Sparre, who he met at the artists' reception. Mr. Sparre has painted all of the thirty-two ships of the famous White Star Line. It took him 32 years to do it and the prints of his paintings of the "Atlantis" and the "Titanic" are on display at the Gallery.

About the Gallery, Mr. McCue said, "We are trying to make the back gallery more specific. We want to have shows that directly relate to the community, address international ideas and also help the School of Arts in presenting their work. I would really like to encourage more people to come and visit the Gallery."

The artists' reception for the two exhibitions was held on Saturday, February 27 from 2:00-5:00PM. There was a musical presentation by the Music and Arts Center for the Handicapped, which included a demonstration of African Rhythms, piano duets and solos, a vocal solo and a performance by the "Catfish Band."



Artwork on display in the University Gallery

## Valentine's Day celebrations

by Seemanti Borkotoky

The time for flowers, candies and cards was celebrated with a bang in the University. Keeping with tradition, the Student Center Board of Directors (SCBOD) held the annual Valentine's Day Dance party on the February 12, in the Student Center Social Room. The party had a turnout of about 100 people, according to Denise Ruiz, president of SCBOD. "I am really happy with the number of people that came. The attendance was more than at the previous two events that we sponsored," she said.

The dance received mixed reviews from students.



Students get their groove on at the Valentine's party

"Due to the lack of publicity, a lot of people I know were not aware of the fact that the party was

on that day. However the party was better than I expected," said Ola Ogunye. This view was not shared by everyone though. Juan Prieto comment-

ed, "The party was all right but the music was terrible; as there was no variety. I also think that our school parties need a lot of improvement where lights and music is concerned."

Thanks to the effort of the Student Congress, the new rule, which allows parties to

See Valentine's, page 10

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Party hours are now extended till 2:00AM

Friday, February 19,  
12:00 noon  
Feng Shui, the Chinese art of placement  
Carlson 253  
Speaker Charlene Vanderslice

Friday, February 19,  
1:00-3:30PM  
Filming Mock Interviews  
Career Services Office, Student Center

Tuesday, February 23  
12:00-1:15PM  
Tai Chi Room, 3rd floor Health Sciences Building  
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Wednesday, February 24,  
11:00-4:00PM  
"Career Fair"  
Student Center, Social Room  
Everyone invited

Wednesday, February 24-March 20  
Painting and Sculpture display  
Artists- Janet Culbertson, Teresa Young and Andrea Arroyo  
Reception on Saturday, February 27,  
2:00-5:00PM  
University Gallery, ABC Building

Friday, February 26, 8:00PM  
"Afroganza," in honor of Black History Month  
Student Center Social Room  
Sponsored by African Club

## SPORTS

Women's Gymnastics vs. Rhode Island  
Saturday, February 20,  
1:00PM  
Wheeler Recreation Center

Women's Gymnastics vs. Ithaca College  
Saturday, February 27,  
1:00PM  
Wheeler Recreation Center

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"The Gin Game," starring Julie Harris and Charles Durning  
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Every Saturday  
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WINGS, Sikorsky Memorial Airport, Stratford

Every Sunday  
"Traditional Irish Music"  
Blackrock Castle, 2895 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport

Every Friday, 8:00-9:00PM  
Salsa lessons with Eddie Perez  
Pachanga Social Club, West Park Place, Stamford

To get your event publicized in this column, call The Scribe at x4382 or Seemanti at x2264



## Miscellaneous

Cars, from page 2

can be sold under a warranty or "as is." If the car is sold under warranty, check what percentage of the repair costs the seller will have to cover. Finally, make sure that you have all promises and agreements with the seller in writing.

The first task after acquiring a car is to join the American Automobile Association (AAA). Members of AAA are entitled to emergency roadside assistance, discounts on insurance and hotels, and other benefits. AAA also refers its members to mechanics who are certified by AAA, and guarantees fair service by these mechanics.

Car owners are required by the State of Connecticut to purchase automobile insurance, without which they will not be able to register their cars. Many students in efforts to save money choose the minimum state-required insurance, which does not cover car collisions. Professor Greenspan's advice is to obtain collision insurance. If one wants to save money, it is better to choose a higher deductible on the collision insurance, than not have it at all and risk losing a multi-thousand dollar investment in an accident.

Educators, from page 4

"Exploration of available technology used in the design and implementation of higher education."

A series of presentations, discussions, and lectures has been scheduled throughout the five-day conference.

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Valentine's, from page 9

finally implemented. The event ended with a dance competition and the two winners were awarded \$10 each for their creative and innovative dancing.

Earlier that same evening, the Marriott Dining Service organized a special dinner at Waldemere Hall. They had people sign up for a raffle and picked the names of twelve students for a special Valentine's dinner. Each of the students was allowed to bring a date for the dinner.

"It was a beautiful atmosphere and I would sincerely like to thank Bill Zimnoch and the Marriott staff for the idea. I think student groups should work with Marriott to organize cozy events like this," said Dean of Students Janet Merritt, who was present at the dinner with her husband. She adds, "It is the small things like this that makes UB a special place. Sometimes these little events are better than the bigger ones."

Director of Student Programming Edina Oestricher was also present with her husband David. "It was terrific. I hope that they hold this dinner every year," she said.

"It was very thoughtful of Marriott and the Student Development Board to have something like this. It was a lot of fun," said President of Student Congress Ashok Regmi, one of the students who attended the dinner.

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## Falling center kills six

by Tim Kan

University students kissed their recreation fee goodbye this morning as the recreation center collapsed while several student leaders were inspecting the site.

Student Council members Anne Obushcowski, Mary Dorsey, and John Besczak, along with Student Center Board of Directors (SOB) president Fred Stavropoulos and SOB Concert Committee Chairperson Scott Kimbriel were in the recreation center at the time of the collapse. Only Mr. Besczak survived the cave-in. Mr. Besczak said, after being rescued by security, "HIC, I didn't, HIC, notice a thing, HIC."

University President Leland Miles said about the accident, "Do we have a recreation center here?"

Former Vice president of Finance Harry Rowell, who is now a vice president at the Harvey Hubbell Corpora-

tion, denied rumors that the University was trying to buy aluminum from the Coca-Cola Corporation to build the center.

"I didn't do anything wrong," said Mr. Rowell in his Southern drawl. "Besides, I saved this University a lot of money."

Dean of Students Constantine Chagares said about the accident, "It is a shame that John survived."

The Scribe tried to interview Director of Public Safety Alan MacNutt, but Mr. MacNutt kept saying, "You people write down everything a person says. If I sneezed how would you spell it?" The Scribe reporter responded "F-A-R-T."

Dean Chagares noted that the only part of the recreation to remain intact was the regulation-size swimming pool. "I swam in it this morning. It was a little drafty, but other than that, it was fine," he said.

Irwin Allen, noted producer of disaster films such as "Earthquake" and "Towering Inferno," rushed to the University following the collapse. "It has given me an idea for a new film - 'Falling Tin,'" he said.

Mr. Allen said he plans to cast Bea Arthur of "Maude" to play Miss Dorsey, Jean "All In The Family" Stapleton will play Miss Obuschowski, John Belushi will play Mr. Besczak, and Telly Savalas will make a rare appearance in a hairpiece to play Mr. Stavropoulos.

At Wednesday's Student Council meeting, president Gary Moroni was asked about the accident and the loss of two council members. "Actually, I didn't notice they weren't here," Mr. Moroni said.

President Miles, who was at the meeting and finally admitted the University does have a recreation center, noted that the University was going to

build a "bigger and better" recreation center with an Olympic-size swimming pool, twenty-two tennis courts (which could be converted to basketball courts), nineteen handball courts, a baseball stadium, a lounge area, men's and women's locker rooms, and a domed roof painted purple and white.

"Of course, to accomplish our goal of a bigger and better recreation center, the University needs funds," said President Miles. "So I am sure the students would not mind paying a higher recreation fee of say, \$5,000 per semester."

*This article is a reprint of what appeared in the March 29, 1979 issue of a comical version of The Scribe, The Scribbler. The story is not true.*



# Athletic Profiles



**Players Name:** Angelica Kadenas

**Sport:** Basketball

**Age:** 21

**Major:** Human Services

**Hometown:** Lodi, NJ

**Hobbies:** Reading, Roller blading, Training

**Description:** Angelica Kadenas has started all twenty-five games for UB this season. Miss Kadenas is UB's leading scorer; she is averaging 15.5 points per game. She also leads UB in offensive and defensive rebounding. Miss Kadenas has reached an incredible milestone, as she has scored more than a 1,000 points for her career at UB. This feat is unmatched by any other Lady Knight in UB history.

**Future Dreams:** To be a probation officer, play basketball overseas in her home country Greece.



**Players Name:** Dave Lemanczyk

**Sport:** Basketball

**Age:** 21

**Major:** Human Services

**Hometown:** Rockville Centre, NY

**Hobbies:** Weight-lifting, hanging with his girlfriend, Caci

**Description:** Dave Lemanczyk stands at 6 feet 4 inches, and there are a lot of players in the division that are taller, but no one in the league plays as big as Mr. Lemanczyk. Mr. Lemanczyk not only leads UB in rebounding, but he also leads the entire NECC Division II in rebounding. He is averaging almost nine rebounds per game, and he scores eleven points per game. He is UB's third leading scorer for the season. Coach Bruce Webster describes him as a source of power on both ends of the court.

**Future Dreams:** Successful family life and a successful career.

**Women's B-ball, from page 12**

It has been a long and fatiguing season for the Lady Knights, but

it is far from over; the playoffs are approaching and regular season records are meaningless.

Emotions run very high in the playoffs, and it all comes down to who wants it the most.

It is not going to be easy, but this entire season has not been easy for the Lady Knights, it has been a hard fought challenge, a challenge that the UB skeleton crew has accepted and fought to

overcome.

For these women, there are many miles to go before they can rest.

*The Scribe* would like to offer its sincere apology to Miss Sarah Trayers for not using a more appropriate Athletic Profile picture in the last issue.

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## Counseling support groups

by Lucas Mc Cloud

Director of Counseling Services, Jerry Weber, has taken the initiative and stepped forward from behind the Health Sciences Building to make his presence known. With regular sexuality and substance workshops every Monday and Friday, Mr. Weber is attempting to make the Counseling Services a relevant and active body amongst students.

Entitled "In and Out," the group session that meets on Mondays is intended for students who are struggling with their sexuality.

Mediated by Mr. Weber, the group attempts to help students who have difficulties in their own relationships, or have encountered difficulties from friends and family concerning their relationships.

The group session meets in an unpublicized location every Monday from 4:00-5:00PM. According to Mr. Weber, "We want to provide a safe environment for people to come and talk." He does not want

students to feel inhibited by any unwarranted presence.

The other group, entitled "On and Off," meets every Thursday from 4:00-5:00PM for those who have received disciplinary referrals. The sessions are informal and private, and are designed to help those referred with substance problems. Mr. Weber said there is not a significant substance problem on-campus, but the reason behind the session is to have a place people can go if the need it.

Mr. Weber said, "We encourage people who just have questions to come and attend."

Mr. Weber's office is located in Warner Hall, and he can be reached at extension 4454. His office hours are 8:30-4:30PM Monday through Friday.



# Purple Knights snap losing streak

by Dale Carnegie

The date was February 10, the place was Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium, and the opponent was Binghamton University. The UB's men basketball team defeated Binghamton in a tremendous effort by the players. With that victory, the Purple Knights broke a fifteen game losing streak.

From the very beginning of the game, it was clear to see that UB was playing with a new found inspiration. In the opening quarter, Brandon Womack had great success eluding pressure in the back court, and Devonne Parker took advantage of the double team in the back court by attacking the basket and creating opportunities for the other players.

Billy Blackburn connected on a couple three-point shots early in the first half to give UB the early advantage. At one point, UB was up by 11 points. Behind the roar of the students, UB players were able to run a fast pace game, pushing the ball up the court every opportunity they could. With a monster slam by David Lemanczyk on a break away, the crowd stood to their feet in an uproar of emotion.

UB ended the first half with a four-point lead, and an exclamation mark at the end when Jeffrey Alleyne threw down a thunderous one-arm dunk. UB went into the locker room with a feeling that they had not experienced too much of this season, it was the feeling of leading at the half.

UB started the second half with an out pouring of emotions, they stretched out the lead again. Unfortunately, turnovers in the back court allowed



Dave Lemanczyk dunking over his opponents

Binghamton back into the game. UB held strong down the stretch, and thanks to a tremendous effort by Mr. Lemanczyk, on the offensive and defensive boards, UB was able to pull

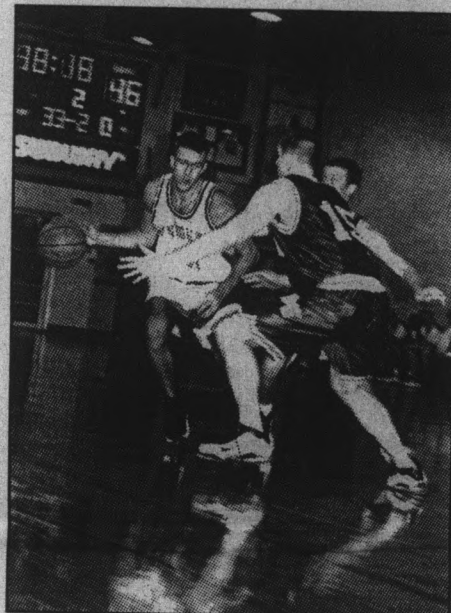
away with the victory. Mr. Lemanczyk was an animal on the boards; he was ripping down rebounds left and right. Whether it was on the offensive or defensive boards, it just did not matter. Mr. Lemanczyk was a big reason why UB was able to hold strong, he took away many second shot opportunities for Binghamton, and hit some crucial free throws in the last five minutes of the game.

It was a huge game not only for the players, but also for the fans. UB students were behind the players one hundred percent; they were on the edge

a time when the feeling of victory and sight of screaming fans will not be an unusual sight to see at Harvey Hubbell.

Senior Billy Blackburn leads the New England Collegiate Conference in three-point field goal percentage (46%), and Mr. Parker is averaging 15.3 points per game and seven rebounds per game. Mr. Blackburn is averaging 12.6 points per game. With the win against Binghamton, Coach Bruce Webster only needs one more victory to reach 550 for his career.

Coach Webster and his team have a chance to reach the 550 victory milestone against Sacred Heart University on Wednesday, February 17. This game against Sacred Heart will be the last time these two universities will ever play against each other. Sacred Heart will be a division school next year.



Billy Blackburn attempts to drive

## Lady Knights stuck in slide

by Dale Carnegie break or a breather.

The combination of Holly Householder, Krista Miller, Angela

season, and some have posted some very impressive numbers.

Miss Trayers ranks twentieth in the nation in Division II basketball for assists, and she is the Lady Knight's third leading scorer.

Miss Kadenas recently surpassed the 1,000 point mark for her career. Miss Kadenas' accomplishment is an impressive effort by any standard. She is UB's leading scorer and her strong point is down low.

After their February 13 win against New Hampshire College, UB is getting ready to play Sacred Heart University in the last

game of the regular season.

See Women's B-Ball, page 11

After starting the season with a five game winning steak, the UB women's basketball team fell into a twelve game losing steak. Coming to the conclusion of the season, the Lady Knights have been able to play some excellent basketball, overcoming the fact that they are lacking in depth.

After two back-to-back wins at New Hampshire and Stony Brook, the Lady Knights have been able to pump some wind back into their sail. It has been a tremendous

effort this season by the starting five Lady Knights. On several occasions, the starting five have gone the entire game without a

Kadenas, Sarah Trayers, and Elise Sharkey have played this season like marathon runners. They have played in all twenty-five games this



Holly Householder trying to block a pass

### Scoreboard

#### Women's Basketball

Southern CT State U	Loss, 71-72
UMASS-Lowell	Loss, 75-101
Sacred Heart U	Loss, 61-91
SUNY-Binghamton	Loss, 65-94
New Hampshire College	Win, 73-66

Overall NECC 8-16 3-14

#### Men's Basketball

Southern Ct State U	Loss, 67-85
UMASS-Lowell	Loss, 60-73
Sacred Heart U	Loss, 64-72
SUNY-Binghamton	Win, 91-88
New Hampshire College	Loss, 78-84

Overall NECC 3-22 1-16

#### Gymnastics

Brown U with UVM	Split
West Chester U with Wilson	Win
Springfield C with Brockport	Win
Yale University with M.I.T	Split
Rutgers U with Pittsburgh	Loss
Ursinus	Win

Overall 9-4